

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 62nd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Call to Order: Chair Alan Olson, on February 10, 2011 at 3:00 PM, in Room 317 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Alan Olson, Chair (R)
Sen. Verdell Jackson, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Ron Erickson (D)
Sen. Bob Lake (R)
Sen. Lynda Moss (D)
Sen. Jason Priest (R)
Sen. Mitch Tropila (D)
Sen. Kendall Van Dyk (D)
Sen. Edward Walker (R)

Members Excused: Sen. Shannon Augare (D)
Sen. Jeff Essmann (R)
Sen. Chas Vincent (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Sonja Nowakowski, Legislative Branch
Liane Taylor, Committee Secretary

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing: SB 205
SB 285

HEARING ON SB 205

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:04:00 Sen. Alan Olson (R), SD 23, opened the hearing on SB 205, Limit supply service in another utility's territory.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:08:28 Doug Hardy, Montana Electric Cooperatives' Association (MECA)

EXHIBIT(ens33a01)

00:18:47 Commissioner Travis Kavulla, Montana Public Service Commission (PSC)

00:22:20 John Fitzpatrick, representing NorthWestern Energy (NWE)

EXHIBIT(ens33a02)

Sen. Vincent joined the committee.

Opponents' Testimony:

00:33:42 Scott Sweeney, General Manager, Fergus Electric Cooperative (FEC)

00:38:10 Tim Gregori, General Manager, Southern Montana Electric Generation & Transmission Cooperative, Inc. (SME)

00:48:47 Carl Seilstad, representing self

00:49:56 Keith Bales, President, Tongue River Electric Cooperative (TREC)

00:55:05 Jon Doak, Attorney, Southern Montana Electric Generation & Transmission Cooperative, Inc. (SME)

01:07:25 David Dover, Board Member, Fergus Electric Cooperative (FEC)

01:08:21 David Brown, President, Source Giant Springs

01:09:25 Alan See, General Manager, Tongue River Electric Cooperative (TREC)

01:10:20 Mike Vlastelic, Board Member, Fergus Electric Cooperative (FEC)

01:11:22 Joe Dirkson, Director, Fergus Electric and Southern Montana Electric

01:12:32 Allen Nordahl, Director, Beartooth Electric (BEC)

01:14:09 William Fitzgerald, Mid-Yellowstone and Southern Montana Electric Generation & Transmission Cooperative (SME)

01:15:00 Daniel M. Sioux, Rosebud County Commission

01:17:59 Terry Frost, Board of Directors, Fergus Electric Cooperative (FEC)

01:18:42 Diane McLean, Northern Cheyenne Tribe

01:20:23 Janine RifeDidier, Fergus Electric Cooperative (FEC)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:21:22 Sen. Lake

01:22:06 Tim Gregori, SME

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01:23:32 Tim Gregori

01:23:57 Sen. Lake

01:24:29 John Fitzpatrick, NWE

01:27:39 Sen. Erickson

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01:38:46 Sen. Van Dyk
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01:41:21 Sen. Walker
01:41:36 Terry Holzer, Yellowstone Valley Electric Cooperative (YVEC)
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01:52:07 Doug Hardy, MECA
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02:02:54 Sen. Tropila
02:03:28 John Fitzpatrick
02:05:06 Sen. Moss
02:06:27 Jon Doak

Closing by Sponsor:

02:08:17 Sen. Olson

HEARING ON SB 285

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

02:16:40 Sen. Alan Olson (R), SD 23, opened the hearing on SB 285, Revise geologic carbon sequestration laws to comply with federal regulations.

Proponents' Testimony:

02:18:24 Anne Hedges, Montana Environmental Information Center (MEIC)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:19:19 Sen. Tropila

Closing by Sponsor:

02:19:43 Sen. Olson

02:21:51 Chairman Olson

02:21:57 Sen. Erickson

02:22:01 Chairman Olson

ADJOURNMENT

02:22:29 Adjournment:

Liane Taylor, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([ens33aad.pdf](#))